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CRICKHOWELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1950

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To the Chairman and Members of
the Crickhowell Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Sanitary circumstances of the district, the health of the people and the work of the Public Health Department, during the year 1950.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health. Also, the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Health Department.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient Servant,

J. TATE.

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Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Crickhowell is a large District in South Breconshire, mainly mountainous in character, with an acreage of 46,185 acres.

The District is divided into eight Parishes, Crickhowell, Llangattock, Cwmdu, Llangenny, Llangynidr, Llanbedr and Partrishow, which are mainly agricultural, and Llanelly, which is mainly industrial. In the agricultural area the workers are employed mainly in farm work, forestry and quarrying. In the industrial area, the workers are employed mainly in adjacent coalmines in North Monmouthshire and in various new factories established since the late War in Brynmawr and North Monmouthshire. The Elvicta Handtools Company have established a new modern factory in Crickhowell, which should prove a great boon to the District.

The housing problem is still a very serious matter. A large percentage of the existing houses, particularly in the Llanelly Hill area, are occupied by more than one family and there is a number of sub-standard houses, which should be considered for demolition action when conditions permit.

The Council is energetically pressing on building new houses, the chief difficulties being shortage of skilled building labour and materials.

Tenants for new houses are selected by means of a Points Scheme adopted by the Council so as to allocate houses to families in the greatest need, conditions of existing accommodation, overcrowding and health circumstances, all rating for "points" award.

Two ex-Army hutted Camps at Danyparc and Aberbaiden, are still occupied by a number of families, mostly from outside the Council's area. These Camps were built eight to ten years ago for the purposes of winning the War and were never intended to last. They are now in a very bad state of repair and far from weatherproof They constitute a serious problem both from housing and Public Health points of view and should be dealt with at Government level.

School Medical Service, Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, and the provision of school meals are carried out by the County Council.

Hospital Services are provided by the North Monmouthshire, and the Brecon and Radnor Hospital Management Groups under the Welsh Regional Hospital Board.

There is an Ambulance Station in the District which is controlled by the Brecon County Council on behalf of the Welsh Regional Board.

Laboratory Services are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Newport.

The health of the District during the year has, on the whole, been good. There has been an absence of any serious outbreaks of epidemic disease. The majority of the deaths during the year were in the higher age groups. The incidence of Pulmonary Tuberculosis has been low, cases occurring have been adequately and quickly dealt with by the Chest Physicians at their Clinics at Brecon and Pontllanfraith.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Population - Registrar General's Estimate 7836.

Total Births = 137. Male 69. Female 68.

Total Deaths = 102. Male 57. Female 45.

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population = 17.483

Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population = 13.016

Still Births = 6

Transferable Deaths. Inward 25. Outward 4.

Infantile Mortality Rate = 6. Rate = 43.795

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

	Causes	M.	F.
	All causes.	57.	45.
1.	Tuberculosis (Respiratory).	0.	3.
2.	Tuberculosis (Other forms).	1.	0.
3.	Syphilitic Disease.	0.	0.
4.	Diphtheria.	0.	0.
5.	Whooping Cough.	0.	0.
6.	Meningococcal Infections.	0.	0.
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis.	0.	0.
8.	Measles.	0.	0.
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	0.	1.
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, stomach.	2.	0.
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1.	0.
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, breast.	0.	2.
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, uterus.	0.	0.
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	3.	3.
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	0.	0.
16.	Diabetes.	0.	0.
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	7.	5.
18.	Coronary disease, angina.	3.	2.
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	0.	0.
20.	Other heart disease.	18.	17.
21.	Other circulatory disease.	3.	2.
22.	Influenza.	1.	0.
23.	Pneumonia.	1.	1.
24.	Bronchitis.	3.	0.
25.	Other diseases of Respiratory system.	0.	1.
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	1.	0.
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	0.	0.
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis.	0.	1.
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	1.	0.
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	0.	0.
31.	Congenital malformations.	0.	0.
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	7.	5.
33.	Motor vehicle accidents.	3.	1.
34.	All other accidents.	2.	0.
35.	Suicide.	0.	1.
36.	Homicide and operations of war.	0.	0.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.
SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

During the past twelve months, inspections have been carried out continuously throughout the district, and informal notices served where it was found necessary.

Inspections made	2,376
Informal Notices	382
Statutory Notices	6

W A T E R

GAUGINGS TAKEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

5th June, 1950.

Supply.	Gallons per 24 hours.
Bwlch Main Spring.	3,600
Bwlch Side Spring.	1,200
Tretower.	7,200
Llanbedr Village.	26,400
Llangenny Village.	3,600
Glangrwyney Village.	39,600
Blackrock Main Spring.	29,700
Blackrock Side Spring.	11,880
Llangattock-Cwmonnou.	20,593
Gilwern, Brunant Main.	26,400
Gilwern, Brunant Side.	584
Gilwern, Maesgwartha.	18,277
Gilwern, Wenallt.	2,400
Gilwern, Draen.	304
Clydach, Blaenduar.	3,394
Clydach, Hydram.	1,638
Crickhowell, Table Mountain.	47,526
Crickhowell, Wern Spring.	39,600
Crickhowell, Llanbedr Rd.	21,600

20th June, 1950.

Cathedine Spout.	10,800
Llangynidr River Spring.	86,400
Llangynidr River Spring (Bwlch)	10,000

27th June, 1950.

Bwlch Main Spring.	2,400
Bwlch Side Spring.	1,270

WATER ANALYSIS, 1950.

Samples of water were taken for analysis purposes during the year, for private schemes at the following farms:-

1. Llwmws Farm, Llangattock.

2. Tynpant, Tyn-y-llwyn, Partrishow.

Other water samples taken during the year in connection with proposed new schemes, routine purposes, etc:-

1. Upper Cwm Cegr, Llangenny.

2. Lower Cwm Cegr, Llangenny.

3. Mill Race under Glanaber, Llangenny.

4. Hall Farm, Llangenny.

5. Glangrwyney Court, Glangrwyney.

PUBLIC SCHEMES.

LLANGENNY - CWM CEGR. Preparations for the carrying out of this scheme are now well advanced. Thus Llangenny and Glangrwyney villages will, in the near future, be served with an ample supply of water from this source.

This scheme will provide a gravity supply to all houses in these villages, and enable fire hydrants to be provided. In addition, this scheme will augment the Crickhowell supply, thus, in all probability, enabling the Council to dispense with the present scheme of augmentation (during drought) from the Talybont/Newport water main.

LLANBEDR. A new storage tank of 2,000 gallons capacity has been constructed at Llanbedr. However, it will be necessary for the Council to augment the Llanbedr village supply in the near future, to provide against drought conditions, and the proposal to erect new houses in the village. Such augmentation may be possible by
(a) harnessing of springs on the mountainside,
(b) from the Table Mountain spring chamber, provided the Cwm Cegr Spring augments the Crickhowell supply.

LLANGYNIDR. Although the villages of Upper and Lower Llangynidr have experienced no shortage since the existing mains have been connected to the Talybont/Newport supply, all the existing mains should be replaced by a modern scheme of 3" cast iron mains, valves, washouts and hydrants.

LLANGATTOCK. This village, which includes the Ffawyddog, experiences no difficulties.

CWMDU PARISH.

BWLCH. The scheme of the Brecon Rural District Council, which provides for a supply of water to Bwlch village in this Council's area, will meet all the needs of this village.

TRETOWER. The existing scheme should be replaced by a modern scheme of 3" cast iron mains, valves, washouts and hydrants, also a new and larger storage tank. The chief difficulty is to find a suitable spring near the village. However, the Brecon R.D.C. scheme is envisaged to extend to this village.

CWMDU. This village has a private supply and, although no shortage has been experienced in a drought, the same changes would take place here as suggested for Tretower.

LLANELLY PARISH.

FFYNNON GISFAEN. The proposals to harness this spring for the joint use of Brynmawr U.D.C., Blaenavon U.D.C. and a portion of the Crickhowell R.D.C. viz:- Llanelly Parish, are still being investigated

CWMNANTGAM & GELLIFELEN. This scheme involved a connection to the water main of the Abertillery and District Water Board. The work is drawing to a close, thus all houses in the villages of Cwmnantgam and Gelli will thereby receive an ample supply of water laid on to each house.

GILWERN. The normal Gilwern supplies come from the springs at the

Brunant and Maesgwartha. These, however, are not sufficient to provide an ample supply of water for the additional houses, Council and private, which have been, and are being, erected. Therefore, the hydram exhaust supply from Clydach has been brought into operation to supply the Council houses at Brynglas and the privately owned houses on Church Road and Crickhowell Road.

CLYDACH NORTH. This zone receives its water from the Quarry on the Main Road. During a drought, difficulties have been experienced in maintaining a constant supply.

CLYDACH SOUTH. This zone is supplied from:-
(a) the hydram supply at Blaenduar Tank, and
(b) the hydram waste supply.
The hydram waste never fails but the water from (a) and (b) becomes highly discoloured after heavy rains. This discolouration is believed to arise in consequence of the water shed on the mountain top having been disturbed by opencast mining. Therefore, the Council should give ernest consideration to replacing this water by water from (a) the Abertillery Water Board's main, or (b) Ffynnon Gisfaen.

WENALLT. Although every endeavour has been made to induce the Abertillery Water Board to state their terms for the supply of water from their main to houses now supplied by the Wenallt Well and the Draen Spring, no definite progress has been made in the matter.

S E W E R A G E

GILWERN. The scheme for the sewerage of Gilwern is now practically ready to go to tender. This includes the village of Maesgwartha and houses at Castle Road, with a provision for further extension to the Saleyard.

CRICKHOWELL & LLANGATTOCK. Difficulties have been experienced in obtaining final approval for this scheme, in consequence of surface water infiltration into the existing sewers at Crickhowell. As the joint Crickhowell/Llangattock Sewerage and Sewage Works Scheme involved pumping, because the lowest houses at Crickhowell are below the Sewage Works, it is obvious that the infiltration of surface water throws an additional cost on the scheme. There is, however, every prospect of the infiltration being eliminated.

LLANBEDR. A sewerage Scheme was carried out for the village of Llanbedr during the year, thus linking up all houses which have been provided with water closets.

TRETOWER, BWLCH, CWMDU, LLANGYNIDR, LLANGENNY, GLANGRWYNEY, CLYDACH, BLACKROCK AND LLANELLY HILL.

These villages have no sewerage schemes and the present system of pail closets, privies, cesspits and slop water drains are highly unhygienic.

P U B L I C M O R T U A R Y

The Council's wartime mortuary at Standard Street, Crickhowell, has been abandoned, as it was most unsatisfactory. Arrangements have been made with the Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital to take in bodies of persons killed on the street.

Mr. Vincent Leslie, the Council's Mortician, has attended four Post Mortems at the Hospital Mortuary during the year.

HOUSING

HOUSING NEEDS. Council houses have been erected at Crickhowell, Llangattock, Llangynidr, Gilwern, Clydach and Llanelly Hill.

Private houses and bungalows erected and occupied during 1950	7
Council houses erected and occupied during 1950	36
Total number of Council houses erected and occupied up to 31st December, 1950	134
Outstanding applications for Council houses	280

No Council houses were erected previous to 1939.

A large proportion of the cottage property throughout the district suffers from senile decay, and should be demolished when conditions permit.

In the Parish of Llanelly these cottages were erected over 100 years ago. Many are (a) built into the mountainside, (b) have no damp proof course, (c) lack proper closet accommodation, (d) have primitive drainage arrangements, (e) have dampness in walls, (f) have defective roofs, (g) have no properly ventilated and lighted food storage, (h) have insufficient headroom, (i) lack modern amenities, and are (j) overcrowded.

The problems which confront the Council are:-

1. Provision of new houses to meet needs.
2. Provision of new houses to replace defective houses.
3. Houses to relieve overcrowding.

CAMP HOUSING. The Camps at Danyparc and Aberbaiden are still occupied by (a) original squatters, and (b) persons homeless, or living in unsatisfactory conditions, and granted permission to occupy huts by the Council. The maintenance of these huts is causing the Council much concern, as the short lived materials used in the construction thereof is deteriorating, involving schemes of water-proofing, etc. In addition, I regret to state that in consequence of the misuse of the drains, the Council's Sanitary Orderly has to visit the Camps almost every week to clear obstructions by the removal of brickbats, tins, bags, etc.

COUNCIL HOUSES. The Council's policy of rehousing badly accommodated people has, in the main, been highly successful, and there is satisfactory evidence that many of the newly accommodated occupiers have reacted favourably to their new conditions. In one case, however, a pair of semi-detached traditional houses became highly infested with bugs. Many methods were tried to eliminate the bugs without dispossessing the occupiers. One of the occupiers was responsible for this infestation and was removed from the Council house to a Camp hutment. The adjoining and innocent occupier was removed to a new house. Both houses were then treated by gas, this involved the stripping of skirting, mouldings, etc. The loss to the Council was over £100.

DEMOLITION. Two dangerous and unfit houses were demolished at Blackrock.

PLANS.

The following plans were received during the year:-

Nature of Plan.	Situation.	Parish
Conversion of Bothy to Dwelling.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Farm Gateway.	Llangenny.	Llangenny.
Bungalow.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Improvement to House.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Bungalow & Garage.	Llangenny.	Llangenny.
Electricity Extension.	Llangenny.	Llangenny.
Caravan Site.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Post Office and Shop.	Llangenny.	Llangenny.
Electricity Extension.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Playing Field.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
General Shop in room of house.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Electricity Extension.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Blackrock.	Llanelly.
Two Sectional Garages.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Dutch Barn.	Forest Coalpt.	Partrishow.
Electricity Extension.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Extension for Bathroom and Coalpit.	Waunavon.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Blackrock.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
House.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Alterations to house.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Llangattock.	Llangattock.
Reconstruction of Cottage.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Bungalow.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Electricity Extension.	Darenfelen.	Llanelly.
Trade Sign.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Bungalow.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Electricity Extension.	Blaenduar.	Llanelly.
Cafe in room of house.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Petrol Filling Station.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Conversion of Bedroom to Bathroom, and installation of Petrol Pump.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Conversion of Stables to Flat.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Electricity Extension.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
House.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Lock-up Shop.	Waunllapria.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
House.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Electricity Extension.	Llangattock.	Llangattock.
Electricity Extension.	Bwlch.	Cwmdu.
Alteration to Dwelling.	Waunllapria.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Clydach.	Llanelly.
Garage.	Clydach.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Cwmdu.	Cwmdu.
Electricity Extension.	Felindre.	Cwmdu.
Electricity Extension.	Llangenny.	Llangenny.
Electricity Extension.	Tretower.	Cwmdu.
Bungalow.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Dairy and Alteration to Cowshed.	Bwlch.	Cwmdu.
Electricity Extension.	Tretower.	Cwmdu.
Bungalow.	Crickhowell	Crickhowell.
Pair of Houses.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Bungalow.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Electricity Extension.	Danyparc.	Llangattock.
Pavilion.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Site for House.	Llanbedr.	Llanbedr.
Improvement to road.	Blackrock.	Llanelly.

Nature of Plan.	Situation.	Parish.
Automatic Exchange.	Bwlch.	Cwmdu.
Electricity Extension.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Extension and Alteration to Cricket Pavilion.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Alteration to Drill Hall.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Electricity Extension.	Clydach S.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Glangrwyney.	Llangenny.
Bungalow & Garage.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Pair of Flats.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Garage.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Site of Bungalow.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Electricity Extension.	Darenfelen N.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Bungalow.	Clydach.	Llanelly.
Bungalow.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

A much needed Public Convenience has been erected at Gilwern for males and females.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The Council employs two men and a sanitary motor lorry to carry out house-to-house collection of household refuse.

A weekly night collection of the contents of pail closets is carried out in the village of Llangattock. Also, in this Parish alone, the Council undertakes the emptying of privies and cesspits, under an ORDER made on the Council about forty years ago.

FOOD AND DRUGS

MEAT. No animals are slaughtered for sale for human consumption in the area, all the meat being brought in from the Abergavenny Abattoir. However, occasion has arisen for criticising the method of distribution of this meat, and the matter has been taken up with the Abergavenny Borough Council.

FOOD CONDEMNED AND VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED. The following goods were, on inspection, found to be unfit and were voluntarily surrendered:-

41 tins Evaporated Milk.
14 bottles Tomato Ketchup.
1 tin Damsons.
3 tins Cherries.
5 tins Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce.
2 tins Gooseberries.
1 tin Strawberries.
56 tins Plums.
4 tins Tomato Juice.
6 Pkts. Pastry Mixture.
1 Pkt. Dessert Mould.
28 tins Jam and other Preserves.
3 tins Grapes.
115 tins Soup.
1 tin Dried Egg.
1 tin Bacon.
24 tins Tomatoes.
4 tins Pears.

6 lbs. Cheese.
33 tins Meat.
2 tins Sausages.
2 tins Carrots.
1 tin Asparagus.
3 tins Spaghetti & Sausages.
1 tin Pineapple Slices.
29 tins Fish.
4 tins Sweetened Milk.
1 tin Mixed Vegetables.
1 tin Quartered Apple.
9 tins Beans.
9 tins Peas.
15 lbs. Oranges.
40 bottles Pickles.
1 Carton Baking Powder.
2 bottles Salad Cream.
1 tin Barbadoes Molasses.
9½ lbs. Bacon.

RODENT CONTROL

PEST ACT 1950. A full time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council.

Infestation Treatments carried out during the year:-

Private Dwellings 173
Business Premises 15
Brooks in areas near houses, and canal, were treated approximately 3 times during the year.
Local Authority property Sewers, Refuse Tips, etc. treated regularly.

FACTORY ACTS 1937 & 1948

NEW FACTORY. A new Factory was opened at Crickhowell during 1950, and it is known as the Elvicta Handtools Factory. It is an up to date factory in which handtools are produced. The conditions existing are excellent in every way. About 100 men, women and girls are employed

SMOKE ABATEMENT. The Pulp Industries Limited, Glangrwyney, and the Elvicta Handtools Factory, Crickhowell, have not been guilty of causing black smoke to pollute the atmosphere. Therefore, no action has been necessary under the Act.

OFFENSIVE TRADES. There are no "Offensive Trades" in the district. But a "Knackers Yard" at Gilwern is kept under observation.

LIST OF FACTORIES IN DISTRICT.

Elvicta Handtools Ltd.
Wendy Boston Ltd. - Soft Toys (2).
Motor Vehicle Repairs - 2.
Paper Mill.
Bakehouses - 2.
Corn Mill.
Saw Mill & Joinery Works.
Quarries - 5.

CANAL BOATS

The Brecon/Newport Canal passes through Llangynidr,

Llangattock and Llanelly, but there are no houseboats on this Canal. In fact, there is no traffic, with the exception of pleasure boats on the Canal.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Persons suffering from notifiable infectious diseases are removed to an Isolation Hospital, if such a course is recommended by the Medical Attendant.

NOTIFICATIONS. The following cases, other than Tuberculosis, were notified during the year:-

Diseases.	No. of Cases.
Scarlet Fever.	11
Whooping Cough.	8
Pneumonia.	2
Acute Poliomyelitis.	1
Measles.	32
Chicken Pox.	1

TUBERCULOSIS. A schedule of new cases and removals from the Register is given below:-

New Cases.				Removals from Register.			
Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Pulmonary.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1.	6.	1.	0.	3.	5.	1.	0.

SCHOOLS. The following school was closed during the year:-

School.	Closed. From.	To.	On Account of.
Darenfelen C.P. Infants.	24.10.50.	1.11.50.	Acute Poliomyelitis.

DISINFECTION ETC. Premises are disinfected or disinfested, as and when necessary.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING

Electric light and power is being extended to all the villages in the district, and householders are having their houses wired for lighting heating and cooking purposes.

STREET LIGHTING

Many of the villages have electric street lighting and arrangements have been, and are being, made to light all villages.

GAS

During the war years, the old and defective privately owned

Gasworks at Crickhowell became defunct. However, since the nationalisation of the Gas Industry, the Works have been brought into operation again, and gas for lighting and cooking is being revived at Crickhowell and Llangattock.

F A C T O R I E S A C T S, 1937 & 1948.

REPORT FOR HOME OFFICE

Premises. (1)	Number on Register (3)	Number of Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	20	Nil	Nil
2. Factories not included in 1 in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	Nil		Nil	Nil
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	5	20	Nil	Nil

NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars. (1)	Found. (3)	Remedied. (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (7)
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) Insufficient.	1	1			

OUTWORKERS - NIL.

F I R E F I G H T I N G

Fire fighting in the district is carried out by the Brecon & Radnor Joint Fire Brigade organisation. There is, however, a voluntary Fire Brigade at Crickhowell Town. This is under the command of Mr. R.G. Jones, and operated in conjunction with the Joint Counties' Organisation.

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